

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1978
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DIVERSION OF RICE BY EXPORTERS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the rice exporters have been found diverting large quantities of rice procured from FCI for exports at below-the-poverty line prices, to domestic markets;
- (b) whether Food Corporation of India has stopped entertaining bogus freight subsidy claims from rice exporters to the extent of 6,00,000 lakh tonnes rice procured by them for export;
- (c) whether the Government have instituted any inquiry in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the findings thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI PRADHAN)

(a),(b),(c)&(d): On receipt of allegations about malpractices in export of rice from the Central Pool, the reimbursement of transport subsidy was temporarily suspended. The matter was examined and thereafter the transport subsidy was restored with additional safeguards.